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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated 3/23/04 be extended for a period of 4 month(s) from 5/23/04 to and including 9/23/04.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$1,480. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfull submitted,

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